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Basingstoke charity to shut after over 30 years

Uncertainty over funding the reason for its closure

By Adam Flinn

A BASINGSTOKE education charity which helps young people prepare for the world of work is set to close later this year.

Basingstoke Consortium announced on Monday that uncertainty over funding and reduced education budgets had led its trustees to make the decision.

The charity, based in the Viables Craft Centre in The Harrow Way, has been operating in the town for more than 30 years, but will shut its doors for the final time by the end of December.

A statement from Basingstoke Consortium said: "The charity has for more than 30 years helped young people and adults in and around Basingstoke through services such as work experience, financial education, employer interactions and careers advice.

"It also administered the hugely popular Teen Tech event in Basingstoke in recent years and was the force behind the Skillstree brand which promotes employability skills for young people.

"The reasons for the closure decision were many years of fund-

ing uncertainty, reduced education budgets and a further forecast budget squeeze through falling school numbers for a four to five year period."

Basingstoke Consortium runs a number of programmes to help make young people more employable.

It is funded through local schools, colleges and businesses, grants, and through fundraising.

Every year it works with thousands of pupils and students of all ages, as well as those who have left education and need help finding work or deciding on a new career.

It set up Teen Tech to inspire teenagers to consider careers in science, technology, maths and engineering, while Skillstree was launched six years ago with support from local businesses and community groups.

Mike Rushworth, chairman of the charity's trustees, said: "On behalf of the trustees we thank the Basingstoke Consortium staff, associated and sponsors for their valuable support and efforts over the years.

"Our main focus now will be to consult with staff and other stakeholders to find alternative ways to maintain our services and employment of staff, possibly through other organisations."



Basingstoke's mayor Paul Frankum, centre, with visitors to the Black History Month celebration in Popley

Celebrations held for Black History Month

MEMBERS of Basingstoke's Afro-Caribbean community came together to celebrate Black History Month with a range of activities in Popley.

The commemoration took place at St Bede's Church, and included an exhibition of black inventors, perfor-

mances by an Afro-Caribbean choir, and a feast of different foods.

Black History Month is celebrated each October to highlight the role people of African and Caribbean origin have played in UK history.

Toju Ogbe, spokesperson for the

Basingstoke Multicultural Forum, said: "It's important for us to recognise and uphold the legacy of black achievers in Great Britain.

"We are heartened by the support from other communities that came to celebrate with us."



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Star young authors win writing competition

News Bites

THE two winners of Festival Place's summer writing competition have been announced.

Eight-year-old Beatrice Hawkins, from Beggarwood, won the four to nine-year-old category for her story The Magic Land which takes the reader to an enchanted world filled with fairies, dragons and a chocolate river.

And Rachel Cleal, 11, from Eastleigh, won the top prize in the 10 to 13-year-old category for The Cat Who Shrank the Moon, which follows the adventures of lovable kitten Fizzy as he travels into space.

Both have won a £100 Waterstones voucher and will have their stories published.

Silent Witness star Emilia Fox has also recorded Beatrice and Rachel's stories for an audiobook.

Beatrice said: "I was so surprised when I won, it made me so happy. I love writing and reading, and am really excited to have my story published."

Rachel said: "I was really excited when I entered the competition as I love writing and when I found out I had won, I was over the moon!"

The competition was held as part of the commemorations to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen.

The audiobooks can be downloaded at festivalplace.co.uk/tales.



Beatrice Hawkins and Rachel Cleal are the winners of Festival Place's 21st Century Tales writing competition

Constituency changes put forward for next election

By Adam Flinn

THE boundaries of two north Hampshire constituencies could be changed under revised proposals put forward this week.

A consultation has been launched by the Boundary Commission for England after it recommended changing the areas MPs represent to even up the number of residents in each constituency.

Under the proposals, the area to the north of Basingstoke around Bramley, Sherfield-on-Loddon and Monk Sherborne would transfer from North East Hampshire into North West Hampshire.

Alton would be moved into North East Hampshire. The Basingstoke constituency would remain as it is.

The review has looked at the entire country, and would reduce the total number of MPs from 650 to 600.

However the likelihood of the changes being adopted is uncertain as it will require a majority of MPs to approve the plans.

Sam Hartley, secretary to the Boundary Commission for England, said: "The new map of the country is, we think, close to the best set of parliamentary constituencies we can achieve, based on the rules to which we work and the evidence given to us by local citizens."

"But we still want people to tell us what they think of this latest map before we make our final recommendations to parliament next year."

"It's so important to have



The area to the north of Basingstoke would move from North East Hampshire to North West Hampshire under the proposals

your say in this fundamental democratic exercise."

If approved, the new boundaries would come into force in

time for the next scheduled general election in 2022.

To comment, go to bce2018.org.uk by December 11.

Sexual assault

BASINGSTOKE: An investigation has been launched after reports of a 16-year-old girl being sexually assaulted in a wooded area off Pack Lane.

It is understood to have happened sometime between 10pm and 10.40pm last Monday, before the girl walked towards Buckland Parade where the incident was reported.

Police have launched an investigation to establish what happened.

Detective Sergeant Dawn White said: "We are keen to hear from anyone who saw anything suspicious in the Pack Lane/Winchester Road area that night."

Call police on 101 with information.

M3 boy in court

HAMPSHIRE: A 17-year-old boy has appeared at Winchester Crown Court in relation to the 11-hour closure of the M3 last month.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is accused of throwing a flammable substance onto the motorway at Winchester on September 23, which caused lengthy delays across the region.

He has been held in custody until the next hearing on November 22 at the same court, where he is expected to enter a plea.

Get vaccinated

HAMPSHIRE: Those most at risk of catching flu are being urged to get vaccinated this autumn.

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£140m cuts approved, but alternatives being sought

By Adam Flinn

HAMPSHIRE County Council will keep looking at alternative ways to plug the £140million gap in its budget after a range of savings proposals were voted through on Monday.

The council's cabinet approved a number of measures to cut costs, which will now go before full council on November 2 for a final decision to be made.

This includes scrapping subsidised bus services and school crossing patrols, and closing half of the county's recycling centres.

Town and parish councils would also be called upon to provide and take on additional services.

However an amendment was also passed that will see the council continue to look for ways to lessen the impact of the cuts on frontline services up until February, when the budget will be formally passed and adopted.

The county council needs to find £140m over the next two years because of reduced fund-



Cllr Roy Perry

ing from central government, inflation, and an increasing number of people relying on social care.

Council leader Roy Perry said: "I proposed a motion that fellow councillors supported, asking county council officers to look again into

whether there are other ways of achieving some of their proposed economies.

"This is so that we can continue to support services such as recycling centres, school crossing patrols and community transport in future, if possible."

The proposals would see £120m cut from the budgets of the different council departments, with the other £20m coming from savings made internally.

It has also been assumed that council tax will rise by the maximum allowed without a referendum – 4.99 per cent – next year, but the formal decision on this won't be made until February.

Stephen Reid, cabinet member and Basingstoke South West councillor, said: "If we can find improved ways of getting to [the £140m savings] come February we will consider them, but at least we have a base point."

"We could all sit down and make a list of people who are going to be impacted by savings and efficiency improve-

ments, but if we want to mitigate in one area we've got to find a saving somewhere else.

"We can't magic the money out of the air."

But Liberal Democrat councillor Alan Dowden criticised some of the proposals for the effect it could have on vulnerable people, and called for the council to be more direct in

how it raises the issue with central government.

He said: "A strong leader would place a motion before full council proposing government funding should be increased in order to prevent such huge cuts to Hampshire's social care services, and I hope you have the courage to do so."

Some of the proposed cuts:

- Reduce staff by introducing self-service technology to libraries. Launch a consultation next year on transferring libraries to local community
- Reduce funding for the Basingstoke Canal
- Dimming and turning off street lights in rural areas between 1am and 4am
- Withdrawing funding for all subsidised bus services
- Stopping all community transport services, such as Dial-a-Ride
- Closing up to half of Hampshire's waste and recycling centres
- Scrapping the school cross-

- ing patrols
- Reduction in gritting of high priority routes
- Reduction in the highways maintenance budget
- 50p charge for older people using bus passes on all journeys
- Reduction of 410 children in care by 2021
- Ending school transport for post-16 pupils with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
- Scrapping free transport for children under five years old
- Jobs axed across the council
- Reduction in the number of council buildings

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Man attacked

HARTLEY WINTNEY: A 54-year-old man had to be taken to hospital after being punched in the face in Hartley Wintney on Saturday.

The victim suffered a fractured cheek bone and a broken nose in the assault, which happened as he was walking along Monachus Lane at around 1am.

The attacker approached the man from behind, and police have launched an investigation to establish exactly what happened.

Call 101 with information.

Fatal collision

BASINGSTOKE: An 84-year-old woman from Overton has died following a crash between two cars in Basingstoke last month.

A black Audi A6 and a silver Nissan Micra collided on Kempshott Lane at the junction with Homesteads Road between 4.40pm and 5pm on Saturday, September 23.

The woman, who was driving the Nissan, was taken to Southampton General Hospital with serious injuries but died on October 6.

The other driver, a 31-year-old man from Cambridgeshire, also suffered serious injuries.

Police are now appealing for anyone with information about what happened to come forward. Call 101.

Pay-as-you-go suggestion for using tips

ONE of the ideas discussed during Monday's cabinet meeting was asking residents to pay a fee each time they use Hampshire's recycling centres as a way of keeping them open.

Councillors talked about a pay-as-you-go idea for some services after suggesting that some residents they had spoken to said they would be prepared to pay for certain things in order to keep them running.

Recycling centres were cited as an example for this, with the

idea of charging £1 for each trip.

However it would need to be approved by the government before it could be implemented.

It comes as the county council is proposing shutting half of Hampshire's recycling centres as part of its budget cuts.

Council leader Roy Perry said: "We continue to put Hampshire's case to government, communicating with ministers and MPs to encourage them to take a fresh look at the ideas we have for easing some of these problems."

"This could be through options such as the introduction of nominal charges at our household waste recycling centres, for example."

"Local people are telling us they would prefer a nominal charge than to lose a convenient local service, so I hope the government might let us pilot some of these ideas."

"It's crucial that we continue to leave no stone unturned and revisit all possible options for reducing spending in the future."

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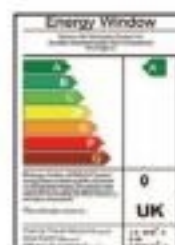


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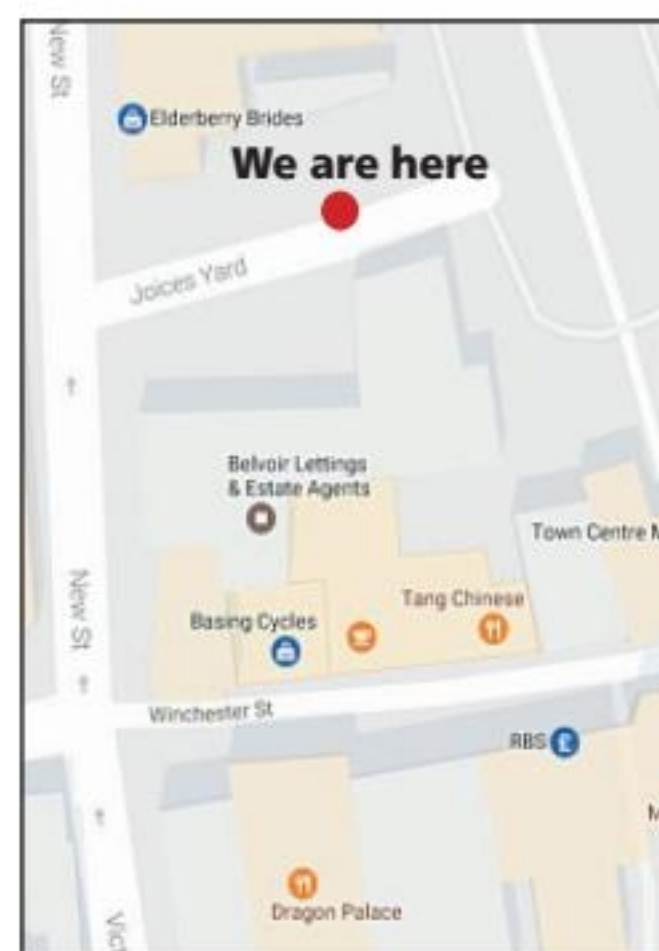
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Former homeless man Charlie Woods and Social Inclusion Partnership chair Terri Reid launch this year's campaign

Help homeless to make Real Change

By Adam Flinn

EFFORTS are being stepped up to help the rough sleepers still on Basingstoke's streets in the run-up to winter with the relaunch of a fundraising campaign.

Just over £16,000 is needed to fund this year's Night Light winter shelter and allow it to open seven days a week from December to February.

It is estimated that between 15 and 25 people are still sleeping rough on the borough's streets, so the Real Change Not Loose Change campaign has been restarted to fund the shelter for them to use.

The campaign is run by Bas-

ingstoke's Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP), with the campaign last year helping 32 people get off the streets and into secure accommodation.

SIP chair and borough council deputy leader Terri Reid said: "The generous response from local people to last year's campaign was overwhelming and made a huge difference to the lives of many people sleeping rough."

"Sadly, people are still sleeping rough on the borough's streets and as the weather turns colder, we are determined to set the ball rolling once again to provide essential support to those who are most in need."

"Everyone, from businesses to

residents, can show their support by donating time, money or items, however small, as an alternative to giving directly to people on the streets."

The Night Light shelter was held in churches around the town centre for the first time last year, with kind-hearted residents donating money, food and equipment as well as volunteering their time.

Money was also used to allow the Camrose Day Centre to open for a third day a week and fit a new shower room for homeless visitors.

Donations for this year's campaign can be made at spacehive.com/real-change-basingstoke-2017.

Funding to pay for youth mentor

A BASINGSTOKE-BASED charity has been given almost £6,000 to support young people suffering with mental health issues in the town.

Spotlight UK was handed £5,850 by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) to fund a youth mentor to work with 15 young people each week.

The mentor will help them on issues including self-harm, anxiety, anger, depression and low self-esteem through activities and

emotional and practical support. Spotlight has a centre in Popley, where young people are referred via health visitors, GPs, schools, social workers and other agencies.

Michaela Riley, chief executive of Spotlight, said: "We are delighted that HIWCF is supporting our project which is aimed at the heart of Spotlight's work in helping disadvantaged and vulnerable children in our area."

"In the last 25 years, anxiety and depression rates amongst young people have increased by

70 per cent, with young people often reluctant to seek help from mental health services for fear of being stigmatised.

"If left unsupported the impact of ill health and stigma can be devastating, but with the right help at the right time, the well-being of young people with mental health problems can be greatly improved."

Ten organisations across Hampshire received grants totalling £55,058 from HIWCF in the latest round.

Burglars walked past victim on way out

TWO men who broke into a house in Basingstoke last week walked past the victim on the way out.

A man carrying a hammer is one of two police are looking for following an aggravated burglary in Winklebury last Wednesday.

Sometime between 6.30pm and 6.50pm, the 31-year-old victim returned to his home in Warwick Road to find two men he didn't know inside.

One of the men was carrying a hammer, and both walked past the

victim and out of the house.

It is thought one of the men then ran off along a pathway at the back of the house towards Dover Close.

Enquiries are under way to establish what was stolen.

The first man is described as white, around 6ft tall, of slim build with a gaunt, pasty complexion. He spoke with a local accent, wore a dark hooded top and was carrying a large black holdall bag.

The second man is described as

black, 5ft 10ins tall, of slim build and with short, dark hair. He wore a hooded top with the hood up.

Detective Constable Clare Hughes said: "This took place at a time of day when people may have been returning to their homes after work."

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£900k given out to local projects

By Adam Flinn

VILLAGE halls, play areas and sports facilities across Basingstoke and Deane are set to benefit from more than £900,000 to fund improvements.

A total of £908,030 will be shared between 16 projects from the borough council's local infrastructure fund.

This includes £150,000 to refurbish the gym, hall and treatment room at The Hurst Community College in Basingstoke, while Queen Mary's College in Basingstoke gets £34,500 for work on its swimming pool and changing facilities.

Kempshott Village Hall has been awarded £60,000 to carry out repairs on its roof, floor, windows and kitchen, and Dummer Village Hall will be given £19,600 for a new heating system.

And £176,000 has been allocated to installing new play equipment and landscaping at the Cordale Road and Culver Road play areas in Brookvale and Kings Furlong.

Other awards cover projects in Norden, Eastrop, Basing, Kingsclere, Highclere, Burghclere and St Mary Bourne.

Robert Tate, the council's cabinet member for finance,

said: "Once again, the council is pleased to support community projects through funding awards from the local infrastructure fund.

"A wide range of improvements will now go ahead around the borough, benefiting local people of all ages as much-used amenities are extended and refurbished, made safer and more accessible.

"The fund is a useful source for the community."

Since the start of the programme in January 2014, grants totalling £5,307,484 have been handed out to 78 projects across the borough.

Stay safe and considerate this Halloween

AHEAD of Halloween at the end of this month, the Safer North Hampshire Partnership is reminding people of some seasonal safety advice.

While many young people enjoy dressing up and going trick or treating, it can be a different experience for older and vulnerable people.

As such, the partnership is urging parents to make sure all children are accompanied by an

adult, have a route planned, and agree a time they will be home.

Those who want to be left alone on Halloween are told they don't need to open the door, or to check through a spy hole or window if they're unsure who it is.

Partnership chairman Ken Muschamp said: "We want everyone to enjoy Halloween, whether they wish to mark the event or ignore it.

"For those who want to celebrate the occasion, please

follow our advice and ensure your children are under your supervision at all times.

"For those who simply want to be left alone, display a 'no trick or treat' poster clearly in your window, and don't open the door."

Posters can be downloaded and printed off from the Safer North Hampshire website: safernh.co.uk.

Pupils used their boats to transport cargo as part of the challenge



Inspiring engineering

SECONDARY school pupils from north Hampshire have taken part in the AWE Engineering Challenge.

Costello Technology College and The Clere School and Technology College competed to build a boat using a set of household items.

They were then assessed in a large pool in a drag race, and on transporting liquid and cargo.

AWE graduate Matt Kingston said: "We really enjoyed the chance to engage with the students and enthuse them in the subjects of science and engineering.

"We were very impressed by the ingenuity and teamwork with which the students approached the challenges and the range of designs which they produced."

News Bites

Sports awards

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Get your nominations in for the 2018 Basingstoke and Deane Sports Awards.

The ceremony will be held in February next year, dedicated to inspiring volunteers and coaches who work tirelessly for the borough's sports clubs.

Go to basingstoke.gov.uk/sportsawards.

Day of fundraising

BASINGSTOKE: A day of Halloween-themed fundraising will be held at Hobbycraft in Winchester Road on October 28.

Creepy crafting will be on offer to raise money for Naomi House children's hospice from 11am to 3pm.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from October 13.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 70625 of Hungerford, while ticket 61087 of Hook claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Hook ticket 46466, and Hook ticket 79501 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 37446, 87878, 67599, 35243, 78745, 31261, 81106, 56841, 54711, 07018, 54952, 60502, 05360, 08186, 75048 and 37511.

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News Bites

Homes high cost

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Houses in the borough cost almost £1,000 more per square metre than the average for England and Wales, new figures show.

Data published by the Office for National Statistics found that one square metre of floor space in Basingstoke and Deane costs £3,295, compared to the England and Wales average of £2,395.

The figure is even higher for Hart, at £4,006.

Caravan stolen

TADLEY: A Bailey Unicorn Valencia caravan has been stolen from a driveway in Plantation Road.

It was taken sometime between 8.30pm on October 9 and 7am the following morning.

Call 101 with information.

Join commission

HAMPSHIRE: Volunteers aged 14 to 25 are being sought to have their say on crime and policing issues as part of the Hampshire Youth Commission.

The commission identifies issues young people are most worried about, as well as raising awareness on safety campaigns.

Go to hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/youth-commission for details.

Test your agility on new trampoline park course

By Adam Flinn

BASINGSTOKE will soon be able to lay claim to England's first indoor obstacle course to use interactive wearable technology when a new trampoline park opens later this year.

Flip Out Basingstoke is due to open in Festival Place in the next couple of months, although a firm date has yet to be set.

It has been revealed that the centre will include NinjaTAG, where sensors installed around the arena communicate with visitors' wristbands and work with a variety of games and challenges.

Taking inspiration from TV shows like Ninja Warrior and Total Wipeout, the course will test speed, strategy, bravery and agility and rank participants against each other.

Jon Inwards, CEO of Flip Out UK, said: "The great thing about the TAG technology is that you can keep a record of your score around the course and then come back to Flip Out Basingstoke to beat your best time and see how much you've improved your fitness."

"There will even be a number



A digital image of how the obstacle course at Flip Out Basingstoke will look

of exciting daily NinjaTAG challenges to test every part of your fitness and agility.

"Through this bespoke-built interactive assault course, Flip Out has proved once again how it is leading the world in trampoline park innovation."

Flip Out will be Basingstoke's second trampoline park, after Jump Factory opened its doors

in the Daneshill Industrial Estate last year.

As well as the obstacle course, it will feature 60 interconnected trampolines, 30ft high cyber towers, slides, battle beams, climbing walls and laser maze.

Steven Connolly, director of Festival Place, said: "We are delighted to be welcoming Flip

Out to its new home in Festival Place.

"With different activities available for all ages we're confident that it will be very popular with those who live both locally and a little further afield."

"We're also excited to be adding to our leisure offering to make Festival Place a really varied and fun place to visit."

More space for activities after refurb

ART classes, cookery and bingo are now on the timetable at the Ridgeway Community Centre in Basingstoke following a major refurbishment.

The old youth room has been redeveloped into an activities room in a community project that has been running for the past two years.

Marie Adams, the centre's development manager, said: "I'm delighted to show our guests the wonderful new room."

"The refurbishment has opened up new opportunities to work with partners and hirers of the centre in the future."

As well as the extra activities, members of the youth group and Mencap are also set to make use of the new facility.

It has been financed by grants from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

Robert Tate, the borough council's cabinet member for finance, said: "I am delighted that local residents in the Basingstoke area have improved facilities in the Ridgeway Centre."

"The former youth room has been updated to form an excellent activities room where visitors can take part in a range of classes to improve their wellbeing."



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17th Nov - **Christmas Lights Switch On**

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Royal celebration for Hampshire Hospitals

THE trust which runs Basingstoke's hospital has been honoured for its support of the armed forces by Prince Harry.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was given the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award.

It is the highest award given for organisations which have signed the Armed Forces Covenant.

Hampshire Hospitals

was one of the first trusts to offer members of the armed forces coming to the end of their service the opportunity to undertake work placements in the NHS.

The trust's chief nurse Donna Green accepted the award, and said: "Working closely with the armed forces has had a hugely positive impact on our trust, and we are looking to forge even stronger links with the armed forces moving forward."



From left, Prince Harry, Donna Green, Ganu Thapa and Kofi Quartey from Hampshire Hospitals, and defence secretary Sir Michael Fallon at the awards ceremony

Hall demolition could lead to regeneration of Winklebury

By Adam Flinn

PLANS to demolish an unused community hall and build affordable homes in its place could help spark a greater regeneration of Winklebury.

That is the hope of Basingstoke and Deane's deputy leader Terri Reid after the borough council's cabinet voted to hand over Harlech Hall to housing association Vivid for redevelopment.

The move was approved

last Tuesday and dependent on planning permission being granted, would mean seven new homes built on the site of the hall in Harlech Close.

Cllr Reid, along with cabinet member for property John Izett, recommended to cabinet that the site be gifted to Vivid.

She said: "I think it's extremely good news, it's a good example of joint working with our partners at Vivid."

"It delivers much-needed affordable housing, but also it's

hopefully the first step towards greater regeneration in Winklebury as well, which is really needed."

Harlech Hall has been vacant for the past two years and is boarded up, after former users the Basingstoke and Deane Sea Cadets relocated to the nearby Sycamore Centre.

The council said in the pre-meeting report that no other community use for the hall had been identified.

Four one-bedroom maison-

ettes and three two-bedroom houses, all two storeys in height, are proposed to be built.

Regeneration of Winklebury is listed as part of the development priorities in the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Plan 2016 to 2020.

Cllr Izett said: "It's important that we as a council don't sit on surplus land, and this site in Winklebury has not been used for the last two years."

"It's right that we look to gift the site in accordance with

regulations to Vivid, who can go forward, assuming they get planning permission, and develop seven new affordable homes.

"It's got widespread support I understand from ward members and the community, and it's going to meet head-on the need there is for one and two-bedroom units in Winklebury, so it has my full support."

If planning permission is granted, building work is expected to begin in 2019.

News Bites

Police on the run

BASINGSTOKE: Three police officers are gearing up to take on the Great South Run this Sunday in aid of Ark Cancer Centre Charity's £5million appeal.

Paul Pressley, Trevor Taylor and Aiden Blackwell are the FedsOnLegs, and are looking to raise £500 towards Ark's appeal to build a new treatment centre in Basingstoke.

To sponsor them, go to bit.ly/2yqhdth.

Garage damage

ASHFORD HILL: A garage has had its lock tampered with, door dented and a cable broken.

It is part of a block of garages in Holt Cottages, and happened sometime on October 5 or 6. Call 101 with information.

Train petition

HOOK: North East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena has launched a petition against proposed changes to South Western Railway's timetable that would see fewer trains stop at Hook and Winchfield.

The train operator is running a consultation on planned changes to come into force in December 2018.

The petition can be found at tellranil.com/campaigns/save-our-train-services.

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Council grants to help out sporting talent

SPORTING stars of the future are being encouraged to apply for funding support to help them make it big in their chosen discipline.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Sports Grant Aid Scheme is open to athletes aged 10 to 24 who live in the borough and are of at least county standard.

Grants can be used to help with everything from travelling and coaching expenses to competition entry fees, equipment and clothing.

Simon Bound, the council's cabinet member for communities, said: "With so much sporting talent among the young people in our borough, we are delighted to support them as they strive to succeed in their chosen sports through the Sports Grant Aid Scheme."

"I hope local athletes will take up this great opportunity of financial support as they go for gold in the sporting arena."

The deadline for applications for the scheme is Saturday, December 2.

For more details and the application form, go to basingstoke.gov.uk/sportsfunding.

Scholarships are also available from local facilities including the Sports Centre, the Golf Centre, the Aquadrome and Tadley Pool.

Skaters looking to glide to glory after donation

By Adam Flinn

BASINGSTOKE'S Synchronised Ice Skating Club is looking to skate its way to success after winning a £750 donation.

The club was given the funding by housebuilder Persimmon Homes Thames Valley as part of its Healthy Communities scheme.

It applied for the cash boost to help improve training ahead of major competitions, and is in the running for the overall top prize of £200,000.

Ailsa Wiggins, spokeswoman for the club, said: "All our teams are keen to compete but this is expensive as the skaters need to practice, be coached, travel to venues, have competition outfits and pay to enter."

"Our advanced team also need extra support to achieve competitive results."

"Our skaters have the enthusiasm and commitment, so the club sought funding to enhance our performance in the forthcoming season and beyond. We are very grateful to Persimmon Homes for their support."



The Basingstoke Synchronised Ice Skating Club has been given £750 to help improve training

The club has around 50 members aged nine and upwards, with three teams practicing every week.

They regularly compete in national competitions and galas, and even appeared in the film *Nativity 3* in a flash-mob scene.

A shortlist of 30 good causes

from across the country will be drawn up by Persimmon to win the £200,000 top prize, while two runners-up will each get £50,000.

Martyn Clark, managing director of Persimmon Homes Thames Valley, said: "It is clear that, no matter what their age, these ice skaters

are incredibly dedicated and are keen to put their skills to the test."

"We are delighted to be able to help them. After all, our Healthy Communities programme is aimed at creating a legacy for young people who love sport and the volunteers who help to deliver it."

News Bites

New bulbs please

BASINGSTOKE: The indoor tennis centre in War Memorial Park has been fitted with new energy efficient lighting.

An upgraded LED system has been put in to provide better quality lighting for players, as well as lowering the cost of energy bills.

It cost Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council £10,530 to do, and is expected to save £5,000 a year.

Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "I hope this investment in the tennis centre facilities will encourage more local people to pick up a racket and enjoy the sport."

Make a difference

HAMPSHIRE: The county's air ambulance service has launched a fundraising campaign to help secure its long-term future.

Small Change, Big Difference began on Monday where supporters are asked to make a monthly donation of £8, equating to 26p a day or just over a penny an hour.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance's head of income generation Rachel Leaman said: "Your small change will make a big difference to the future of your air ambulance."

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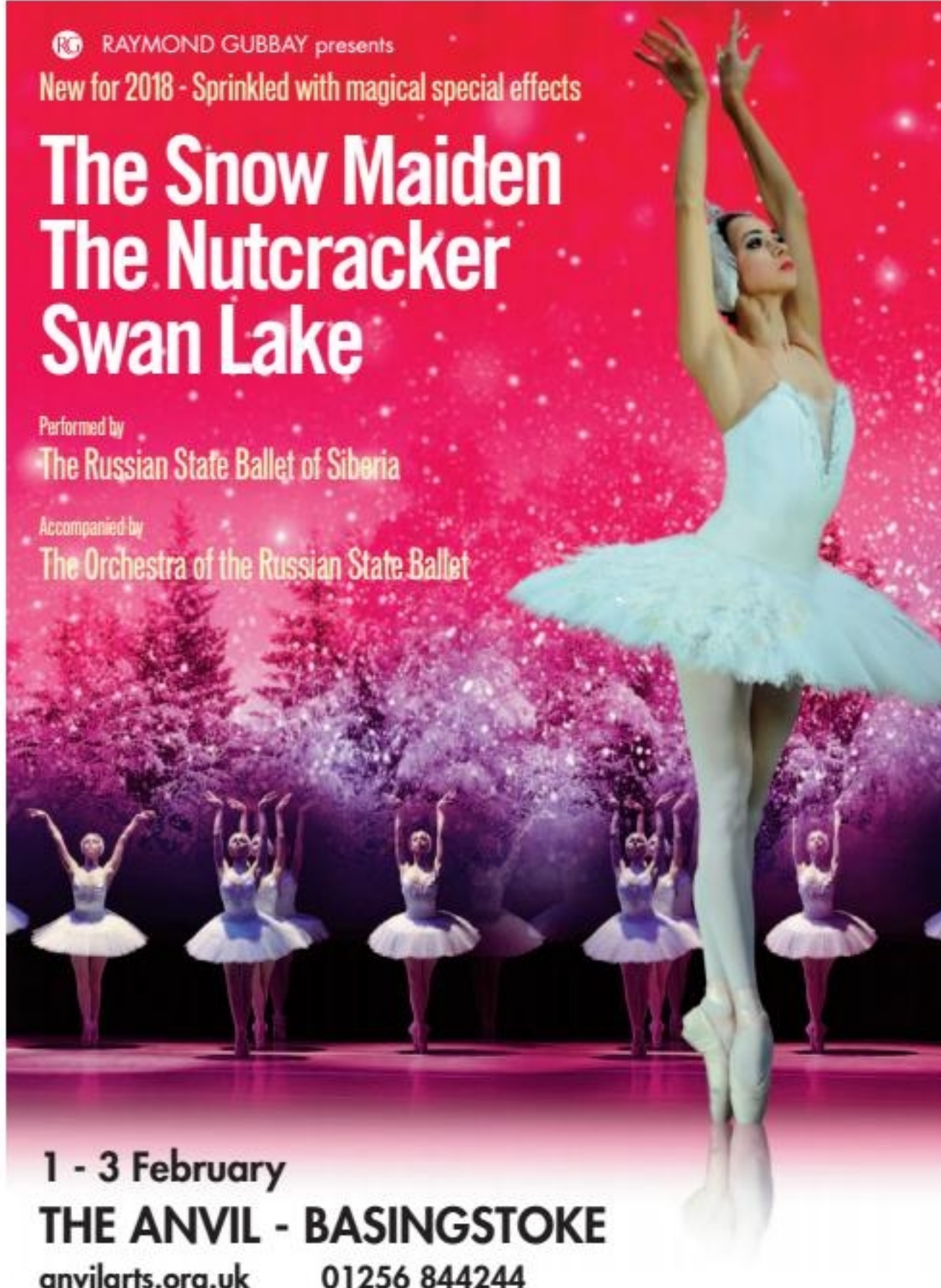
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Should you buy a property in Basingstoke before Christmas?

Now summer has gone, autumn is here and Christmas is fast approaching, you may be wondering who has got house hunting on their mind? But, contrary to popular belief, now is a great time to be a buyer!

It's no secret that property price increases have slowed down across the South East but this is positive news for buyers looking to move up into a larger property, as they may find negotiating a good price easier and get more for their money.

The slowdown in property prices the South East is experiencing is

By Romans Group

counteracted by the high-demand for affordable property in commuter hot spots. Earlier this month, Basingstoke was named as one of the Express's top 5 places to invest in property due to its close proximity to London, affordable property prices and plentiful employment opportunities with global brands including Sony and Barclays.

Romans Sales Managing Director, Antony Gibson urges

home hunters sitting on the fence to act before Christmas to avoid missing out on the best deals. He explains: "Buyers will know that sellers are serious at this time of year and motivated to sell. Equally, sellers will understand that if you are out viewing when it's cold and wet outside, that you are a serious buyer."

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Singer Imelda May has drawn on her experiences of the past year for her new album and now she's sharing it with audiences on tour. Catch her at the Anvil next month. See inside for more.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Imelda May surprise you

By Josh Cox

SINGER Imelda May is at The Anvil next month with her latest tour, and I caught up with her ahead of the gig.

I started by asking about the inspiration behind her latest album, *Life. Love. Flesh. Blood.*

"Everything is in the title really, when I wrote the album I couldn't compartmentalise certain aspects of my life, so I wrote about everything that affected me over the course of a year or so."

And she had some well-respected names in the business along to help out. Imelda told me: "It was T Bone Burnett who produced the album, and he was absolutely brilliant, he gave me my own space to be free and write. To do my own thing. I did invite Jools Holland and Jeff Beck among others to perform on my album, as they helped propel my career. I also had Bono to bounce some ideas off."

Next, I asked what got her into

performing and it was no surprise to find she was always that way inclined.

She added: "It was music that led me to it. I studied music at college, went to a lot of jam sessions, that turned into open mic nights and then gigs. I hardly ever turned down a gig. And from there, with a lot of hard work, things took off."

And her favourite gig? "So many to choose from, Albert Hall was very special. 3Arena in Dublin is also great as I get a lot of my family along. I was recently in Iceland and would love to gig there at some-point too."

The audience at The Anvil can expect a mix of music but mainly songs from the new album. Imelda added: "I go by what feels right on the night. The audience pick up on whether you are enjoying it or not."

Imelda May will be performing at The Anvil on November 14. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets range from £27 to £37. For more details, call the box office on 01256 844244 or go to anvilarts.org.uk.



They May rock you

MUSIC: Five piece covers band The Mays will play at The Fox Inn in Newfound on Friday.

The Mays are a young and talented band that carry a wide range of experience of playing to both intimate audiences and large crowds, including around 5,000 people for Rushmoor Borough Council and at Guilfest.

This free gig begins at 9pm.

Soulful house

MUSIC: An over-30s soul night will take place at Tonic Bar in Basingstoke on Saturday from 9pm.

The bar will host a selection of DJs including DJ Gordon Gee, Ali, Roger Moore, June Furlong who will all play Funk, Boogie, Jazz and soul tracks to see the night through.

Dynamic duo

MUSIC: Avarice, a rock and roll covers duo, will be performing at The Greyhound in Overton on Saturday.

This unmistakable rock duo, formed with Jason Curtin on lead guitar and bassist Becky Curtin, will be performing popular hits from artists from the 1970s to the modern day.

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Purple power

By Josh Cox

A BET with a friend led to a Prince tribute act being put together in just six weeks.

From there Jimi Love from Purple Rain has been putting on shows for the past 12 years.

He has been a Prince fan since the age of 10 and added: "I've been to a few of his gigs and would have loved to have met him in person and even had a jam session with him, but sadly not."

His favourite Prince song is the inspiration for the name of his act and Jimi said: "He has such a huge catalogue of songs which cover so many genres and styles, he practically released an album a year over his 40-year career."

"If I had to choose it would be Purple Rain to both play and listen to."

And there's no doubt that the fans enjoy listening to what Jimi and his band are doing on stage.

He said: "There's been so many memorable shows, one that stands out was in Dublin when Prince cancelled. We played in a local club to Prince fans and that's when our relationship with the fans really began."

The gig at The Anvil next month will be no exception, furthering that relationship with the fans.

He said: "It's just one massive party, a real good time. Lots of dancing and singing, we play a range of his songs to keep things fresh. It's about two and a half hours of fun."

Jimi is looking forward to returning to The Anvil, having played there before with Bill Bailey.

Purple Rain - A Celebration of Prince will be at The Anvil on Sunday, November 12. Doors open at 8pm.

Tickets £24.50. To book tickets or for more information, call the box office on 01256 844244 to go to anvilarts.org.uk.



Celebrate jazz giant

MUSIC: New show Ella Fitzgerald - A Centenary Celebration will be performed at The Anvil on Sunday.

Olivier Award-nominated singer Alison Jiear and the London Concert Orchestra Show Band celebrate the 100th birthday of Ella Fitzgerald: The First Lady of Song with timeless hits including Get Happy, At Last, The Very Thought of You and Don't Mean a Thing.

Tickets cost from £29 to £31.50.

Night with Boycie

SHOW: An intimate evening with Only Fools and Horses actor John Challis can be had at The Haymarket on Sunday.

John Challis is one of the nation's greatest comedy actors, best known as Boycie. In this one-off show, he reveals secrets from the set.

Tickets are £18.

Bowie tribute

MUSIC: A new stage production celebrating the music, artistry, style and showmanship of David Bowie; comes to The Anvil on Tuesday.

Live On Mars fuses sound and vision to portray Bowie's alter egos, featuring the electrifying vocals of singer Alex Thomas.

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WORDWHEEL

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How you rate:

15 words, average; 20 words, good;
25 words, very good; 30 or more,
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DOUBLE CROSSWORD

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. RC was very religious in times gone by (6)
4. It may well offer light relief (6)
9. Allow flying holiday to remain uncertain? (5,2,3,3)
10. Earthen capital (7)
11. Boat in which to intrude, perhaps (5)
12. She won't be missed now! (5)
14. The staff hold firm (5)
18. Former protectorate where somebody was born (5)
19. Intention of being clear about postal orders (7)
21. Indispensable team to starboard (5-4,4)
22. Dilute yet raw (6)
23. The length of the alliance (6)

Down

1. He washed his hands and threw one in South American river (6)
2. Be elusive because drama is almost unobtainable? (4,4,2,3)
3. How to drive an animal? (5)
5. Wearing certain clothes to live (7)
6. Finding where the ship is and adding up the fatalities? (4-9)
7. 15 upset the man in charge (6)
8. Stupid letter content (5)
13. Muscular expander almost given to delay (7)
15. Warned about disciple (6)
16. Talk of mountain top to the south (5)
17. Cancel deleterious letters (6)
20. The partridge's spine (5)

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Quick Clues:

Across

1. Hateful (6)
4. Writer (6)
9. Braves hostile reception (5,3,5)
10. Metropolis (7)
11. Dispute (5)
12. Twist (5)
14. Peel (5)
18. Cessation (3-2)
19. Sale by bidding (7)
21. Outdo completely (3,2,3,5)
22. Swirled (6)
23. Rankle (6)

Down

1. Post (6)
2. Disabled (13)
3. Overturn (5)
5. Closely united (7)
6. Unimportant (13)
7. Surpass (6)
8. Ledge (5)
13. A stretch (7)
15. Pass (6)
16. Swim (5)
17. Charm (6)
20. Exclusive social class (5)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.

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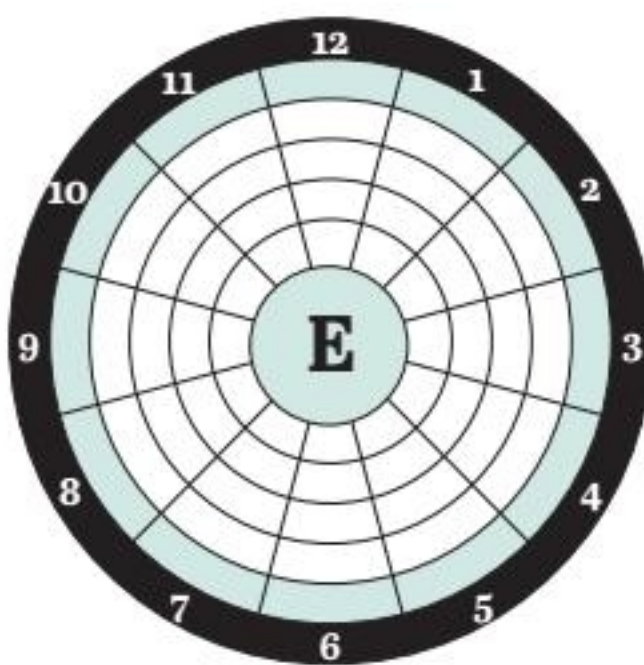
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

DOUBLE CROSSWORD:
Cryptic: Across: 1 Starting-post; 7 Depot; 8 Remit; 9 Elf; 10 Parthenon; 11 Scream; 12 Inmost; 15 Human race; 17 Sue; 18 Outre; 19 Ingot; 21 Press hand-out.
Down: 1 Summer school; 2 Tip; 3 Nature; 4 Perchance; 5 Simon; 6 Stand the test; 7 Defer; 10 Plainness; 13 Onset; 14 Vanish; 16 Motor; 20 Gun.
Quick: Across: 1 Marriageable; 7 Lento; 8 Stain; 9 Tug; 10 Vengeance; 11 Entire; 12 Direct; 15 Regularly; 17 Rub; 18 Drain; 19 Empty; 21 Unreasonable.
Down: 1 Make the grade; 2 Inn; 3 Ground; 4 Austerity; 5 Learn; 6 Invertebrate; 7 Light; 10 Virulence; 13 Early; 14 Orders; 16 Grain; 20 Pen.

SUDOKU:
4 9 3 8 5 7 1 2 6
2 6 8 4 1 3 7 5 9
7 1 5 6 9 2 3 8 4
6 2 1 7 8 4 9 3 5
9 3 7 1 2 5 6 4 8
5 8 4 3 6 9 2 1 7
3 4 6 5 7 1 8 9 2
8 5 2 9 3 6 4 7 1
1 7 9 2 4 8 5 6 3
CODEWORD:
1=Y, 2=T, 3=Z, 4=J, 5=G,
6=B, 7=M, 8=V, 9=L, 10=W,
11=P, 12=D, 13=F, 14=A,
15=Q, 16=S, 17=X, 18=N,
19=H, 20=R, 21=L, 22=O,
23=K, 24=E, 25=U, 26=C.
WORD WHEEL:
BANDWAGON.

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter E in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a breakfast TV presenter.



1. Realm
2. Clothes
3. Rock
4. Fruit
5. Agile
6. Beginner
7. Lowly
8. Resist
9. Hate
10. Bird
11. Pass by
12. Plan

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES:

67197381 gives a language;
3244871 gives a language;
5345 gives a language.

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.

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SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

U	N	S	Y	T
A	V	C	U	S
S		F		W
T		H		H
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U	N	A	H	E
E		P		R
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SUDOKU

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	9				7		4	
		3				2		1
			1	2	9			
			7		9			

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CLOCKWORD:
1 Brazil, 2 Osteal, 3 Barrel, 4 Mussel, 5 Ordeal, 6 Normal, 7 Kennel, 8 Hostel, 9 Oxtail, 10 Unwell, 11 Signal, 12 Entail.

CELEBRITY: Bob Monkhouse.

NINER:
BACTERIUM.

KAKURO:

		3	5			3	4	
	4	9	8		8	9	6	
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	4	9			6	7		

SUDOKU:
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9 8 3 6 2 5 7 4 1
7 4 1 3 8 9 5 6 2
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2 5 8 7 4 3 9 1 6
6 1 7 9 5 8 2 3 4
4 3 9 5 1 7 6 2 8
8 6 5 2 9 4 1 7 3
1 7 2 8 3 6 4 9 5

SPLIT DECISION:
B L U R B
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E O Z
D U N C E

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Saturday October 21st

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Strictly Come Dancing, 6.35pm 	Later – with Jools Holland, 10.45pm 	The Chase: Celebrity Special, 7.20pm 	Rivers with Jeremy Paxman, 7pm 	Football on 5: The Championship, 9pm 
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Hairys Bikers' Comfort Food (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 2.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 2.45 FILM Madagascar (2005) (U) 4.05 Final Score (S) 5.25 BBC News (S) 5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 Pointless Celebrities (S) 6.35 Strictly Come Dancing (S)	7.30 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature (S)(R) 8.00 Deadly 60 (S)(R) 8.30 Show Me What You're Made Of (S)(R) 9.00 Saturday Mash-Up! (S) 11.00 Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World (S)(R) 12.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends (S)(R) 1.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands (S)(R) 2.00 Coast (S)(R) 3.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 4.00 Mastermind (S)(R) 4.30 The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R) 5.30 Anglesey: Island Life (S) 6.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R)	6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) 9.25 Saturday Morning with James Martin (S) 11.20 Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun (S)(R) 11.50 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 12.50 ITV News; Weather (S) 1.00 ITV Racing: Live from Ascot (S) 5.00 Thunderbirds Are Go (S)(R) 5.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs (S)(R) 6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.05 ITV News (S) 6.20 Cannonball (S)	6.15 Mobil 1 The Grid (S) 6.40 Triathlon: Hever Castle (S) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S) 10.50 The Simpsons (S)(R) 11.50 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 1.50 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 3.50 Best Laid Plans (S) 4.55 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Practice 3 Live (S) 6.30 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.45 The Gadget Show (S)(R) 11.40 Police Interceptors: Future Crime (S)(R) 12.40 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 1.40 The A-Team (S)(R) 4.40 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 5.40 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.40 FILM The Bridge at Remagen (1969) (PG) Second World War adventure, starring George Segal. (S)
7		7.00 Coastal Path (S)(R) 7.30 Front Row An interview with The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage author Philip Pullman. (S)	7.20 The Chase: Celebrity Special With contestants Jamie Theakston, Faye Tozer, Ben Cohen and Sara Pascoe. (S)	7.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman The presenter explores the River Severn. (S)(R)	7.40 5 News Update (S) 7.45 FILM The Bridge at Remagen (1969) (PG) Concluded. (S)
8	8.20 Casualty Connie becomes suspicious of Dylan, David and Louise's ongoing squabble. (S)	8.00 Britain Afloat The history of punts, from the bronze age to the modern day. (S)(R) 8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)	8.20 The X Factor – Judges' Houses The contest enters the judges' houses phase. (S)	8.00 Hidden Britain by Drone Part one of two. Aerial footage of restricted areas of the UK. (S)(R)	8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.10 Gunpowder New series. Historical drama, starring Kit Harington. (S)	9.00 Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera How four works from the 19th and early-20th centuries changed the face of opera. (S)		9.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Qualifying Live Coverage of the qualifying session (Start-time 10.00pm). (S)	9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (S)
10	10.10 BBC News; Weather; (S) 10.30 Match of the Day Including highlights of Chelsea v Watford. (S)	10.00 QI XL (S) 10.45 Later – with Jools Holland With Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, Wolf Alice, Grizzly Bear, Sza and RL Boyce. (S)	10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Ed Sheeran, Rita Ora and Gordon Ramsay. (S)	11.35 FILM The Iceman (2012) (15) Fact-based crime drama, starring Michael Shannon and Winona Ryder. (S)	10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S) 10.30 FILM Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) (PG) Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for sexual content and language. (S)
11		11.50 FILM In Our Name (2010) (18) Drama, starring Joanne Froggatt and Mel Raido. (S)	11.25 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.45 FILM Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. (S)		
AFTER 12	12.00 The NFL Show (S) 12.30 The Weight Cut: Extreme Weight Loss (S) 1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.05 BBC News (S)	1.15 FILM In the Dark Half (2012) (15) Horror, starring Jessica Barden. (S) 2.35 This Is BBC Two (S)	1.30 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	1.25 The Last Leg (S)(R) 2.20 Hollyoaks (S) 4.30 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.25 Too Many Cooks (S)(R) 5.55 Kevin Can Wait (S)	12.10 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Notorious: The Philpott Fire – 5 Years On (S)(R) 4.00 Killer Schoolgirl: Countdown to Murder (S)(R) 4.50 Great Scientists (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)



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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.10** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.25** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge **1.30** Take Me Out **2.55** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes. **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes. **5.05** FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **6.45** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** Timewasters **1.30** Bromans **2.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **7.50** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Cecil Parker. **8.50** FYI Daily **8.55** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Cecil Parker. **9.55** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **11.15** FYI Daily **11.20** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **12.55** Lewis **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Beck: The Family. A crime boss is murdered in front of his family. In Swedish. **10.30** Beck: The Invasion **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.20** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **2.20** Wild China **3.20** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.30** Don't Tell the Bride **7.25** Made in Chelsea **8.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **10.30** How I Met Your Mother **11.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Die Hard (1988) (18) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.40** Gogglebox **1.50** Rude Tube **3.15**

Tattoo Fixers **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.25** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun **1.40** Coast vs Country **2.45** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Richard Wilson's Highland Fling **9.00** Nightmare on Everest **10.05** Yeti: Myth, Man or Beast? **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Siege of the Saxons (1963) (U) Medieval adventure, starring Ronald Lewis. **1.00** Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Kathryn McCormick. **2.55** Marmaduke (2010) (U) Comedy, starring Lee Pace. **4.40** The House of Magic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Murray Blue. **6.20** Hulk (2003) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Eric Bana. **9.00** Thor (2011) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Chris Hemsworth. **11.15** Machete Kills (2013) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Danny Trejo. **1.25** The Hole (2009) (12) Horror, starring Chris Massoglia. **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** American Pickers **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **1.00** Eat Your Heart Out with Nick Helm **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: Lethal Weapon 4 (1998) (15) Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. **11.30** Dave Gorman Goodish Hits **12.35** QI XL **2.30** Not Going Out **3.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Bleak House **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Duchess of Duke Street **5.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **7.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.I. **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shetland **10.20** Waking the Dead **12.50** Sharpe **2.50** Bleak House **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Wild Things **7.00** The F1 Show **7.30** Futurama **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** The Flash **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** The Next Jamie Vardy **12.30** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **3.00** PL Greatest Games **3.15** Gillette Soccer Saturday **6.00** Sing: Ultimate A Cappella

7.05 The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** FILM: Mission: Impossible III (2006) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. **11.25** The Russell Howard Hour **12.25** Stella **1.35** Arrow **2.30** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **3.30** A League of Their Own: Rally Special **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 FILM: The Fall: Decker vs Budd (2016) Documentary exploring Zola Budd and Mary Decker's race at the 1984 Olympics. **8.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **1.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.30** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.05** Vice Principals **12.40** The Wire **3.20** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **4.10** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **6.55** The Bill **11.55** EastEnders **2.25** Billionaire Boy **3.40** My Family **5.00** The Secret Life of the Ballroom **6.00** Miranda **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with John Cleese **9.00** Doctor Foster **11.40** Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis **12.40** Celebrity MasterChef **1.40** Secrets and Lies **2.30** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 To the Manor Born **7.40** Porridge **8.20** Last of the Summer Wine **9.00** Outnumbered **9.40** We Have Been Watching **10.40** Only Fools and Horses **6.00** The Story of Only Fools and Horses **7.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.20** Harry Enfield and Chums **9.00** The Royle Family **11.00** The Fast Show **12.20** Big Train **1.40** The Mighty Boosh **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Live PGA Tour Golf, The CJ Cup. **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **7.30** Live New Zealand NPC Rugby. The fourth semi-final (kick-off 7.35am). **9.20** Rugby Greatest Games **9.30** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Soccer Saturday Pre-Match **11.30** Live Premier League, Chelsea v Watford (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.15** Live European Tour Golf, The Andalucia Masters. **5.00** Live European Rugby Champions Cup, Leicester Tigers v Castres (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.30** Live Fight Night, Ryan Burnett v Zhanat Zhakiyanov. **11.30** Premier League Highlights **12.00** Sky Sports News **3.00** Live PGA Tour Golf, The CJ Cup.

Sunday October 22nd

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	The Last Post, 9pm 	Snowfall, 10pm 	Tipping Point: Lucky Stars, 6pm 	Sunday Brunch, 9.30pm 	The Great South Run 2017, 10pm 
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.25 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 2.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 3.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.00 Points of View (S) 4.15 Songs of Praise (S) 4.50 Eat Well for Less? (S)(R) 5.50 BBC News (S) 6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.15 Countryfile (S)	6.35 Great British Garden Revival (S)(R) 7.35 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.35 Countryfile (S)(R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.00 Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking (S)(R) 11.30 My Life on a Plate (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures (S)(R) 1.30 FILM Suspicion (1941) (PG) 3.05 Northern Italy Unpacked (S)(R) 4.05 Flog It! (S) 5.00 H is for Hawk: A New Chapter - Natural World (S)(R) 6.00 Top Gear (S)(R)	6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears (S)(R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday (S) 10.55 Amazing Animal Births (S)(R) 11.25 Robson Green's Coastal Lives (S)(R) 11.55 Bigheads (S)(R) 12.55 ITV News; Weather (S) 1.00 The X Factor - Judges' Houses (S)(R) 2.55 FILM Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) 4.35 Victoria (S)(R) 5.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 ITV News (S) 6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars (S)	6.20 Kevin Can Wait (S) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 Jamie's Quick & Easy Food (S)(R) 1.00 The Simpsons (S)(R) 2.00 FILM Rango (2011) (PG) Oscar-winning animated comedy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. 4.10 The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials (S)(R) 5.15 The Great British Bake Off (S)(R) 6.35 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 8.40 Football on 5: The Championship (S)(R) 9.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 10.00 The Great South Run 2017 12.15 The A-Team (S)(R) 4.20 FILM Daddy Day Camp (2007) (PG) 5.20 5 News Update (S) 5.25 FILM Daddy Day Camp (2007) (PG) 6.05 5 News Weekend (S) 6.10 FILM Left Behind (2014) (15) Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage. (S)
7	7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Two more couples face a dance-off to avoid elimination. (S)	7.00 Colombia with Simon Reeve The presenter explores the country in the aftermath of the civil war. (S)(R)	7.00 The X Factor - Judges' Houses The Judges' House phase continues. (S)	7.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live Build-Up (S) 7.35 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live (S)	
8	8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Senate House in Bloomsbury. (S)	8.00 Robot Wars New series. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present a new format for the contest. (S)			8.05 FILM Poseidon (2006) (12) Remake of 1970s disaster movie The Poseidon Adventure, starring Kurt Russell and Richard Dreyfuss. (S)
9	9.00 The Last Post Tilbrook and Markham visit an important prisoner. (S)	9.00 Louis Theroux: Dark States - Murder in Milwaukee Gun crime in the US city. Last in the series. (S)	9.00 Your Song Members of the public receive private performances from their favourite stars. (S)		9.05 5 News Update (S) 9.10 FILM Poseidon (2006) (12) Concluded. (S)
10	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool. (S)	10.00 Snowfall (S) 10.45 Mock the Week With James Acaster, Ed Byrne, Gary Delaney, Ivo Graham and Zoe Lyons. (S)(R)	10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.15 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)	10.10 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live Reaction Steve Jones, David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan analyse this evening's race. (S)	10.00 FILM 2012 (2009) (12) As the human race faces extinction in a global cataclysm, a writer tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. (S)
11	11.30 NFL Highlights Arizona Cardinals v Los Angeles Rams. (S)	11.20 FILM Glory (1989) (15) Oscar-winning American Civil War drama, starring Denzel Washington. (S)	11.15 Liar Andrew enlists Luke's help to set up an alibi. Last in the series. (S)(R)	11.15 FILM Child 44 (2015) (15) Detective thriller, starring Tom Hardy and Gary Oldman. (S)	
AFTER 12	12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.35 BBC News (S)	1.15 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) 2.15 Holby City (S)(R) 3.15 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	1.40 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Lisbon (S)(R) 2.05 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson (S)(R) 3.00 Gillette World Sport (S) 3.30 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 3.55 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) 4.25 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)	1.15 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Paddington Station 24/7 (S)(R) 4.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald (S)(R) 4.50 Great Scientists (S)(R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.50 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.40** You've Been Framed! Gold **7.00** Coronation Street **10.00** 2Awesome: Guidance **10.30** 2Awesome: LA Story **10.45** 2Awesome: Cheerleaders: Steel Rays **11.05** 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.35** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.50** Take Me Out **12.50** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.25** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) Comedy, with the voice of Dan Aykroyd. **3.00** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **4.45** FILM: The Haunted Mansion (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** FILM: The Haunted Mansion (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **6.25** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Elijah Wood. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Elijah Wood. **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.00** Through the Keyhole **2.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Lewis **7.40** Heartbeat **9.45** Murder, She Wrote **12.45** FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) **3.00** FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. **5.05** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** The Syndicate **10.05** Honest **11.10** FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) (15) Romantic comedy, with Renee Zellweger. **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25** FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) (15) **1.10** The Knock **2.05** Mr Selfridge **2.55** Lewis **4.30** Judge Judy **5.10** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Jacqueline du Pré: A Gift Beyond Words. Tribute to the cellist. Brett Dean's new opera based on Shakespeare's tragedy. **9.00** Hamlet from Glyndebourne. Brett Dean's new opera based on Shakespeare's tragedy. **11.50** Jacqueline du Pré plays Dvorak's Cello Concerto **12.40** Classic Cellists at the BBC **1.40** The Brontës at the BBC **2.40** The Story of Scottish Art **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** FILM: Captain Ron (1992) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Kurt Russell. **3.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Pitch Perfect (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick. **11.15** Naked Attraction **12.20** Tattoo Fixers **1.25** Rude Tube **2.30** Don't Tell the Bride **3.20** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E **10.00** 999: What's Your Emergency? **11.05** 999: On the Frontline **12.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** 24 Hours in A&E **2.05** 999: What's Your Emergency? **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Crack in the World (1965) (U) Sci-fi thriller, with Dana Andrews. **1.00** The Core (2003) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **3.55** True Grit (1969) (PG) Western, starring John Wayne. **6.35** Life of Pi (2012) (PG) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. **9.00** Dracula Untold (2014) (15) Fantasy adventure, starring Luke Evans. **10.45** Side Effects (2013) (15) Thriller, starring Jude Law. **12.55** The Dance of Reality (2013) (18) **3.40** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Sin City Motors **9.20** Eat Your Heart Out with Nick Helm **11.20** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **12.20** Top Gear **1.20** Would I Lie to You? **3.20** Top Gear Africa Special **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Motorway Cops **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **12.00** Live at the Apollo **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **2.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.55** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **11.00** New Tricks **12.00** Murdoch Mysteries **1.00** Catherine Cookson's The Man Who Cried **4.00** The White Queen **6.40** New Tricks **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Silent Witness **11.30** Taggart **1.15** Northanger Abbey **2.50** Mansfield Park **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **7.30** Futurama **8.30** The Simpsons **10.00** Sing: Ultimate A Cappella **11.05** WWE Raw Hits **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2017 **2.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.30** Supergirl **3.30** The Flash **4.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** The Last Ship **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **12.00** The Simpsons **1.00** The Russell Howard Hour **2.00** The Blacklist **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Nothing Left Unsaid: Gloria Vanderbilt & Anderson **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Tin Star **10.05** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.15** Dice **11.50** Room 104 **12.25** The Wire **1.40** Californication **2.20** Without a Trace **4.10** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **6.50** MasterChef Australia **12.20** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **1.20** Doctor Who **4.10** FILM: The NeverEnding Story (1984) (U) **6.00** Miranda **8.00** The Secret Life of the Ballroom **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with John Cleese **10.00** The Davina Hour **11.00** Inside the Ambulance **12.00** Motorway Cops **1.20** Celebrity MasterChef **2.15** Secrets and Lies **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.25 To the Manor Born **8.00** One Foot in the Grave **10.00** Only Fools and Horses **7.00** David Jason: My Life on Screen **8.00** Not Going Out **10.00** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Little Britain **12.20** Green Wing **2.35** The Mighty Boosh **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Live PGA Tour Golf. **7.00** Total Goals **9.00** Live One-Day International Cricket. India v New Zealand. **11.30** Live EFL. **12.45** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Everton v Arsenal (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** AJ/WK: Wembley's Greatest Fight **7.30** Live Formula 1. The United States Grand Prix (Start-time 8.00pm). **10.30** Live NFL. A match from the NFL season. **1.00** Live NFL. **4.30** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Sky Sports News

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Alfa Romeo Giulia 2.2 Turbo Diesel 180HP Super

'I want to run away with this new love'

By **Tony Yates**

For the last six months I have been waiting for the new Alfa Romeo Giulia to arrive on my driveway – and guess what? It's finally here. I'm not going to get too excited about it because it's just another car right? Actually, scrub that, this is not just another car, this is an Alfa and I'm very excited about it because the Giulia is probably the only car right now that I want to run away with to a remote desert island somewhere.

Maybe that was a little over the top, even for me – but just remember this is no ordinary 'Alfa Romeo'.

Right, now I have that out my system I will quickly calm down and resume my normal mode for the rest of the review. But please be aware that I may at some point burst into uncontrollable rants of love and affection for the Giulia at any given time – so please, be on your guard at all times whilst reading on.

Power & efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 2,143cc 4-cylinder turbo diesel engine

with 180HP. Top speed is around 143mph and 0-62 is up in 7.0 sec. Well, now we have that bit out the way – what was the engine actually like I hear you shout? Well, for a diesel, I would give it a big fat YES on all levels. Mainly because the engine pulls really well in any gear thanks to a brilliant 8-speed transmission, which also just happens to offer up maximum torque figure of around 450Nm.

Where the Giulia really shines though is in its ability to return over 60mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions as low as 109 g/km, which is just staggering. The engine also feels alive and poised ready for action – exactly how a proper Alfa should feel.

On the road

The suspension is set up in such a way that it works in perfect harmony with the chassis to keep the Giulia not only flat into the corners but also controlled enough on the exit, allowing you to really feel how well all those components are working together to assure you of maximum grip at all

times. Plus, of course, it also happens to have that all-important Alfa DNA installed at its heart which also spills out by the bucket load.

Design & technology

On the inside, the Giulia is exciting and the attention to detail on the interior finish is not only good, it's breathtaking. You know this is a real driver's car the moment you sit inside. And it's good to see Alfa hasn't forgotten any of that.

The interior seating is well designed and the seats support you firmly. The cabin is also festooned by a decent amount of quality materials that will wear well for many years to come.

Legroom in the back is good for all occupants which makes my life travelling with my children a more happy affair – thanks mainly to the amount of space they had between them limiting the moans of 'he keeps pinching me'. Like I said earlier – the Alfa is a real driver's car, and the Giulia is turning out to be something very special indeed.



Tony Yates can't hide his admiration for the new Alfa Romeo Giulia

Some of the standard equipment includes; 7" TFT colour cluster display, Alfa D.N.A driving mode selector, automatic headlights, dual-zone climate control, rear parking sensors, 8 speaker audio system, cruise control, Forward Collision Warning (FCW), Integrated Brake System (IBS) and Autonomous Emergency Braking

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To sum up

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All sites, served up slices of cake and numerous cuppas on 29th September in order to raise much needed funds for the charity.

After raising £13,700 during last year's

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Eden were eager to beat previous efforts, Eden Motor Group Chief Executive Graeme Potts, generously matched this year's fundraising amount of £7,600 to make it the grand total of £15,200.

Graeme Potts comments: "It gave us great pleasure to once again take part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' for Macmillan – and raising more than £15,000 really was just the icing on the cake!

"The team here are all really proud they were able to do their bit and raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all local motorists who stopped by and helped contribute to such a worthy cause."

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Plenty of goals as Bison earn another four-point weekend

By Adam Flinn

IT took penalty shots to get the job done, but Basingstoke Bison made it back to back four-point weekends after narrowly beating Bracknell Bees on Sunday.

The National Cup fixture was evenly matched throughout, but Bison came out on top of a tense shootout battle to make it five wins in a row in all competitions.

It came after a more straightforward 5-2 victory at home to Streatham Redhaws in the league to maintain their

unbeaten start to the season.

Saturday's game against Streatham saw Bison get off to a fast start, and inside the opening 10 minutes they were 2-0 up thanks to goals from Vanya Antonov and Ashley Jackson.

They added two more before the end of a dominant opening period, with Tomas Karpov and new recruit Roman Malinik getting in on the action.

Streatham pulled a couple back in a quick spell in the second period, although Aaron Connolly managed to score Bison's fifth on 34 minutes.

There wouldn't be any more scoring in the rest of the game however, and Bison's efforts in the first period allowed them to see out a comfortable win.

Sunday's match with the Bees was a much tighter affair, although Bison were again the first to score as Ryan Sutton found the back of the net on 12:57.

Dan Scott put Bison 2-0 up soon after, but the Bees fought back and just over a minute later were level thanks to goals from Frankie Bakrluk and Jared Lane.

Bakrluk put the Bees in front on 34:28, before Josh Smith got Basingstoke level with 30 seconds of the period remaining.

Once more the Bees moved ahead courtesy of a Shaun Thompson strike on the powerplay, but again Bison pegged them back as Smith netted his second on 54:59.

The third period ended with the score at 4-4 and after extra time failed to separate the two teams, the match went to penalties.

After a couple of early misses for Bison it was up to netminder Dean Skinns to keep out Bakrluk's shot, which he did and Malinik then scored to send



Josh Smith was singled out for praise by Bison head coach Doug Sheppard. Both pictures: grantkingphotography.com



Roman Malinik scored on his debut for Bison

the tie into sudden death.

After a goal and a miss for each side, Smith netted again and Skinns denied Jan Bendik to earn Bison victory.

Head coach Doug Sheppard said: "Another four point weekend and we're happier this time because Sunday's result to secure the points took a lot of character."

"It's our first win of the season where we've had to battle back from being behind and twice we did it."

"Josh Smith had a huge weekend. He netted four times in the game, twice in regulation time and twice under pressure in the shootout."

"I'm proud of how we've responded to an indifferent start to the season. When it matters, the guys have stepped up, dug their heels in and are getting the job done."

Bison have just one game this weekend, with a visit to Streatham in the league on Sunday evening.

Sport Bites

Back on form

FOOTBALL: Tadley Calleva got back to winning ways with a 3-2 victory over Fawley on Saturday.

They sit third in the Wessex League Division One table with 22 points, but do have three games in hand over current leaders Laverstock & Ford.

Meanwhile, Whitchurch United were held to a 3-3 draw away at Downton, and occupy 13th place.

Both play again on Saturday, with Tadley travelling to Laverstock while Whitchurch host Ringwood Town.

Eleven goal win

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison Ladies made an emphatic start to their season with an 11-0 thrashing of Invicta Dynamics on Saturday.

Jodie Attrill scored five times and Peri Edmiston hit a hat-trick, with the other goals coming from Aniko Gaal, Michaela Walker and Philippa Steele.

The result puts Bison straight into second in the standings ahead of their next game this Sunday against Coventry Phoenix.

Hockey success

HOCKEY: Goals from Dean Record, Grant Rouse, David Stones and Josh Weir saw Basingstoke Hockey Club men's 1sts claim victory over Wimborne Wayfarers on Saturday.

The match ended 4-1, and sees Basingstoke go fifth in the Hampshire/Surrey Regional 1 table with six points.

They travel to Epsom for their next game this weekend.

Elsewhere, the ladies' 1sts beat Oxford University 2-1 to stay fourth in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 1.

Trip to leaders

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC face a tough fixture away to league leaders Old Emanuel this Saturday.

'Stoke are yet to win a match and have a points difference of -292 already this season, while Old Emanuel are unbeaten in the London 3 South West.

Chance missed to go top of table

HARTLEY Wintney missed the chance to move to the top of the Evo-Stik South East table after only managing a 1-1 draw at Bedford Town on Tuesday night.

It was their second draw in a row after recording the same scoreline with Chalfont St Peter on Saturday.

Hartley had gone a goal up before half-time in Tuesday's match as Liam Eagle grabbed the opener after 12 minutes.

However David Manu restored parity on the hour mark for the home side, and the teams had to settle for a point each.

Saturday's match saw Hartley make the better start and after seeing Adam Everiss shoot narrowly over, didn't have to wait long as newly appointed captain Dean Stow converted from the penalty spot after Steven Duff had been brought down.

The home side had a couple more chances before the end of the first half, but had to settle for a one-goal lead at the break.

On 68 minutes Hartley thought they had doubled their lead as Jake Baxter got the ball into the back of the net, but it was ruled offside.

And with eight minutes to

go Chalfont finally broke their duck as substitute Remmell Clarke knocked in Jake Cass's cross.

The draws mean that Hartley are one point short of top spot in the Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1 East table on 23, with Moneyfields on 24.

Both sides have played 10 games each, but Ashford Town in fourth could leapfrog them both if they win both their games in hand.

Hartley's next game is away to struggling Aylesbury on Saturday, before hosting Hayes and Yeading United next Tuesday evening.

Nine-goal thriller ends with defeat

BASINGSTOKE Town Ladies put in a spirited fightback but weren't able to rescue a point in a goal-heavy match against Poole Town on Sunday.

The match ended 5-4 in the Dorset team's favour, after they had scored four times in the opening half an hour.

Jemma Tewkesbury and Faye Rolfe-Hawkins scored two each as they went 4-1 up, after Sarah Wentworth had grabbed a goal for Basingstoke.

Wentworth would add another soon afterwards, with Jade Bradley getting Basingstoke to within one shortly after half-time.

Poole would extend their advantage back to two through Samantha Gubb, before Helen Ogle got a consolation for Basingstoke right at the end.

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Inside: Two draws in a row for The Row | Basingstoke Ladies lose in nine-goal thriller | Tadley Calvea keep in touch with top spot

Dragons concede two as poor away run continues

By Adam Flinn

BASINGSTOKE Town's struggles away from home continued on Saturday as they were beaten 2-0 at Bishop's Stortford.

A goal in each half from Stortford ensured that the three points stayed in Hertfordshire.

It means that Basingstoke have now lost their last four away games in the league.

Saturday's match began well enough for Basingstoke though, with the visitors putting on the pressure as Ashleigh Artwell sent in a cross from the left, forcing a quick reaction from Stortford keeper Tyler McCarthy.

Sam Argent then hit the bottom of the post from an acute angle in the 14th minute after being set up by Charlie Kennedy.

But Stortford were pushing as well and after a couple of chances, they took the lead on the 24th minute as Colm McAdden pushed out Sam Hutton's shot into the path of Freddy Moncur, who scored with the loose ball from close range.

An excellent save from McCarthy denied Basingstoke an equaliser moments before half-time, with Ben Wright's header being knocked away for a corner.

After the restart Stortford suffered

a blow as their captain Mark Hughes was forced off with a knee injury.

Basingstoke looked to capitalise and Sam Smart came close to scoring in the 57th minute, his header going just over the bar.

Despite the loss of their skipper Stortford grabbed their second 10 minutes later as Dipo Akinyemi was clear through on goal to score.

He almost added another seconds after the restart but McAdden was on hand to stop Basingstoke going three goals down.

Going into the final 10 minutes Dan Collier fired a shot close past the Stortford goal but to no avail.

But it was Stortford who looked the more likely to score as the match reached its conclusion, with Darren Foxley grazing the post and Akinyemi shooting wide of an open goal from a tight angle before the final whistle was blown.

The result saw Basingstoke drop a place to 11th in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League table ahead of Tuesday night's games, with the Dragons not having a midweek fixture on this occasion.

Basingstoke will be looking to turn around their recent away form as they journey to Somerset this Saturday to face Frome Town, who have lost more games than they have won at home so far this season.



Basingstoke Bison in their 5-2 win over Streatham Redhawks on Saturday. Picture: grantkingphotography.com

Bison on form with second four-pointer

Basingstoke Bison made it back-to-back four-point weekends after picking up wins against Streatham Redhawks and Bracknell Bees on Saturday and Sunday.

Victory over the Redhawks was relatively straight forward as Bison scored four times in the first period to build up what would be an unassailable lead.

However Sunday's match with the Bees was much closer, with Bison winning the match following a tense penalty shootout. See inside for full story.

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